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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING TDR MEETING JUNE 27, 1978

1. IN RESPONSE TO OIH TELEX, DR WILSON OF TDR INDICATES THAT THE SUBJECT MEETING WILL BE "95 PERCENT" CONCERNED WITH FINANCIAL MATTERS. THE TENTATIVE AGENDA INCLUDES A) A BRIEF PROGRESS REPORT BY DR LUCAS, B) A STATUS REPORT OF THE WORLD BANK FUND ACTIVITIES AND C) THE ELECTION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COORDINATING BOARD (JCB).

- 2. WILSON EXPECTS THAT INVITED COUNTRIES WILL SEND TWO OR THREE INDIVIDUALS. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC LIMITATION ON NUMBERS, BUT THE ROOM SELECTED FOR THE MEETING WILL HOLD ONLY 60. THOSE ATTENDING FROM THE US WILL OF COURSE BE THOSE SELECTED BY USG.
- 3. TDR PROGRAM HAS EXPERIENCED SOME DELAY IN RECEIVING PLEDGES RESULTING FROM FEBRUARY 1-2 MEETING. AT PRESENT, LIQUID ASSETS ONLY SUFFICIENT FOR SIX WEEK PERIOD. IN THIS REGARD, THE PROGRAM WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE AT LEAST AN INITIAL INSTALMENT ON THE US PLEDGE OF \$800,000 FOR 1978.

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4. THUS FAR, ONLY CANADA HAS CONTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THE WORLD BANK FUND FOR TROPICAL DISEASE RESEARCH. IF IT IS USG INTENT TO CONTRIBUTE THROUGH THIS MECHANISM, THE PROGRAM WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE THIS BEING MADE CLEAR PRIOR TO THE JUNE 27 MEETING, AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER DONOR NATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE SCANDINAVIANS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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